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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tsuyoshi SHIBATA) Group Art Unit: 1765
Application No.: 09/960,316) Examiner: Ahmed, S.
Filed: September 24, 2001)
For: METHOD FOR FORMING)
PATTERN)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2004, with the period for reply having been extended to June 3, 2004 by a Petition for Extension of Time for one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Ahmed for allowing Applicant's representatives to discuss pending claims during a telephone interview on April 15, 2004. The substance of the interview is summarized as follows:

Applicant's representatives discussed the Yoko (JP-7-135140) and Forester et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,952,243) references that were cited in the Office Action of February 3, 2004. More specifically, Applicant's representatives argued that the rejection of claim